

February 4, 2022

VIA ECF

The Honorable Hildy Bowbeer Magistrate Judge, District of Minnesota United States District Court 316 N. Robert Street St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: In re Pork Antitrust Litigation, 0:18-cv-01776-JRT-HB

Joint Letter Regarding Case Management Issues for

Direct Action Plaintiff Cases

Dear Judge Bowbeer:

I write on behalf of the parties in the Direct Action Plaintiff ("DAP") cases in the above-captioned multidistrict litigation. Pursuant to the Court's instruction during the case management conference held on January 31, 2022, and the Minutes from the conference (ECF No. 1162), the parties have conferred this week about certain case management issues raised during the conference. The parties will continue to confer next week, and request until Friday, February 11, 2022 to file a joint letter report on the outcome of those discussions.

Respectfully submitted,



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